Prisoners of War—Vietnam: By a voice vote, the House passed H.R. 4204, to amend section 6 of the War Claims Act of 1948 to include prisoners of war captured during the Vietnam conflict.

Agreed to the committee substitute.

Agreed to the amendment of the title.

H. Res. 426, the rule under which the bill was considered, was adopted earlier by a voice vote.

is to borrow from various accounts where funds are available, such as court reporting and telephone and telegraph and others, and to spend that money for salaries now; and, then, when the supplemental is passed by the Senate, we will put the money back in the various accounts and balance the books. This is strictly a bookkeeping entry proposition. The money will be put back into the various accounts and used for the proper purposes. It is strictly a transaction on the books.

Since this resolution was introduced a day ago, some members of the Committee on House Administration have had the opportunity to look at the records of the Clerk of the House to see what accounts they are going to use and the balances available, and we feel that this resolution will do the necessary job to meet the payrolls that are coming up in May and June.

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield further?

Mr. FRIEDEL. I yield to the gentleman from Missouri for a question.

Mr. HALL. Do I correctly understand from the gentleman's statement, along with that of the chairman, that there are various funds available which would "bail out" the Sergeant at Arms until such time as the supplemental is passed; and that in the interim, since this House resolution was introduced so quickly and so recently, the accounts have been seen and audited, so to speak, by the gentleman and the Committee on House Administration; and that they are in order; and, finally, that this resolution simply makes it legal for the hands to be in the other fund's pocket on a pro tem basis and provides for restoration after the supplemental is passed? Are those all statements that can be answer "Yes."

Mr. FRIEDEL. Absolutely.

Mr. LIPSCOMB. If the gentleman will yield further, I can answer the statement "Yes" with one qualification. We had a chance to look at the balances that were available in the various accounts, including the leftover funds from fiscal year 1968 which are still available, but I want to specifically say we did not have a chance to audit the funds. We saw the balances which were available.

Mr. HALL. Of course, a question arises as to why funds not used in 1968 did not revert to the General Treasury. I shall not raise that question at this time, in view of the assurances the gentlemen has given me. I appreciate the gentleman's yielding.

Mr. LIPSCOMB. If the gentleman will yield further, I would be pleased to answer that on the record, because I think it is an important point.

Funds that are 1-year funds are returnable to the Treasury, but they remain in the hands of the authorized person to handle those funds for 2 years afterward to pay bills that may be outstanding, and then the funds revert to the Treasury

Mr. FRIEDEL. That is correct.

Mr. LIPSCOMB. At this moment it is not known whether there are telephone bills or furniture bills or other bills outstanding which may have to be paid out of the fiscal year 1968 funds.

At the required legal time the Clerk and the Sergeant at Arms will return unused funds to the Treasury.

Mr. HAYS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FRIEDEL. I yield to the gentle-

Mr. HAYS. There is one other point that ought to be made. The Clerk has the money to pay part of these salaries but just not enough to pay them all. So he is asking in this resolution to borrow a small amount, in the sum of \$210,-000, from these other funds. It is not as though he does not have any money to pay any of the salaries, but it is just that does not have enough to pay them

Mr. FRIEDEL. That is correct.
Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FRIEDEL. I yield to the gentle-

man from Jowa.

Mr. GROSS. Is it common or uncommon practice to juggle funds in this fashion?

Mr. FRIEDEL There have been precedents.

Mr. GROSS. And it is possible to step in and get funds out of the woodwork as easy as this?

Mr. FRIEDEL. It is only a question of bookkeeping.

Mr. GROSS. When did the Committee on House Administration meet on this subject and approve this resolution?

Mr. FRIEDEL. We were notified the other day that the Clerk and Sergeant at Arms will be out of funds, and the resolution is for this funding.

Mr. GROSS. Did the full committee ever meet on it?

Mr. FRIEDEL. We polled the committee and got a majority vote.

Mr. GROSS. You did what?

Mr. FRIEDEL. We polled the committee.

Mr. GROSS. You did not have a session?

Mr. FRIEDEL. No, sir. But we looked into all of these figures to verify what has been said on the floor here today

Mr. GROSS. This whole pay increase business has been a juggling process. This is the clincher.

Mr. LIPSCOMB. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FRIEDEL. I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. LIPSCOME. In view of the inquiry which has been made by the distinguished gentleman from Iowa, I would like to point out that after the introduction of this resolution and its being called to the attention of the committee the minority at least expressed their view that this should have come before us in due course; that is, before the subcommittee and full committee, but it was explained to us that there was not enough time to get this through in order to be meaningful so as to take care of the payroll which is due now. We have been given every assurance by the chairman of the committee that in the future we will go through the regular course of business and items will not be sprung on us in the fashion that this resolution was. I know from previous experience

with the chairman of the Committee on House Administration that he will see to it it is done.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question on the resolution, The previous question was ordered.

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER, The Chair has not put the question yet.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, I make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Evidently a quorum is not present.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I move a call of the House.

A call of the House was ordered.

[Roll No. 70]

The Clerk called the roll, and the following Members failed to answer to their names:

Abbitt Anderson. Evins, Tenn. Fallon Calif. Anderson, Findley Ford, William D. Tenn. Bates Beall, Md Foreman Fulton, Tenn. Bell, Calif. Berry Bevill Gallagher Gettys Gibbons Blatnik Goldwater Bow Brademas Gray Griffiths Broomfield Brown, Calif. Burleson, Tex. Burleson, Calif. Hansen, Idaho Harsha Hébert Heckler, Mass. Helstoski Cahill Carev Hicks Hosmer Hungate Hunt Cederberg Celler Celler Chisholm Clark Claysen, Don H. Clayson, Del Colmer Ichord Joelson Jones, Ala. Karth Kirwan Kirwan Kyl Landrum Leggett Long, La. Lowenstein Lukens Convers Corpett Corman Cowger Crainer Daddario de la Garza Diggs Dulski McClure Macdonald, Mass. Dwyer Edmondson Martin May Michel Edwards, Ala. Michel Edwards, Calif. Mizell Edwards, La. Morton

Murphy, N.Y. Ottinger Pirnie Pollock Powell Randall Rees Reifel Reuss Rosenthal Roudebush Roybal Sandman Scherle Scheuer Shipley Springer Steed Steiger, Ariz. Stephens Stratton Stubblefield Stuckey Teague, Tex. Thompson, Ga. Thomson, Wis. Tunney Vander Jagt Watts Whitten Wiggins Wilson, Bob Wilson. Charles H. Wold Wydler Wyman

Moss

The SPEAKER. On this rollcall 317 Members have answered to their names, a quorum.

By unanimous consent, further proceedings under the call were dispensed

The SPEAKER. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, I still object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not now present and make the point of order that a quorum is not now present.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Iowa objects to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and makes the point of order that a quorum is not present. The Chair will count.

Two hundred and forty-two members are present, a quorum.

So the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CORRECTION OF VOTE

Mrs. GREEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 68 I am recorded as not voting. I was present and voted "yea." I ask unanimous consent that the permanent Record and Journal be corrected accordingly.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Oregon?

There was no objection.

PROGRAM FOR THE BALANCE OF THIS WEEK AND FOR NEXT WEEK

(Mr. SAYLOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his re-

Mr. SAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I take this time to ask the majority leader to give the program for the balance of the day, for the balance of this week, and for next week.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SAYLOR. I am happy to yield to the distinguished majority leader.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, in response to the inquiry of the distinguished minority leader, for today we have one more bill, H.R. 4204, and the rule relating thereto which is on the program for this week. That will conclude the business for this week.

The program for next week is as follows:

Monday is Consent Calendar day. In addition there are eight suspensions which are as follows:

H.R. 763, to provide for a study of State laws governing the operation of youth camps.

H.R. 2667, to revise the pay structure of the police force of the National Zoological Park.

H.R. 692, to extend the length of time community nursing home care may be provided for veterans.

H.R. 693, to provide that veterans 70 years of age shall be deemed unable to defray hospital expenses.

H.R. 2768, to eliminate the 6-month limitation on the furnishing of nursing home care for service-connected veterans.

H.R. 3130, to provide that the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may furnish certain medical services.

H.R. 9334, to promote the care and treatment of veterans in State veterans'

H.R. 9634, to improve the Veterans' Administration program of sharing specialized medical resources.

For Tuesday and the balance of the week the program is as follows: Tuesday is Private Calendar day. In addition there is scheduled for the consideration of the House H.R. 10946, to promote health and safety in the building trades and construction industry, under an open rule with 1 hour of general debtate. Also, H.R. 11102, Medical Facilities Construction and Modernization Amendments of 1969 under an open rule with 2 hours of general hebate.

Of course, Mr. Speaker, this announcement is made subject to the usual reservation that conference reports may be brought up at any time and any further program may be announced later.

Mr. SAYLOR. Have rules already been granted on the last two bills to which the majority leader made reference?

Mr. ALBERT. If the gentleman will

yield further; they have.

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SAYLOR. I yield to the gentleman from Iowa.

(Mr. GROSS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GROSS. These eight suspensions on Monday next will not in any way interfere with the junket to Paris which is about to start or may have already started?

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from Pennsylvania will yield further, insofar as I know there is no junket which will interfere with the consideration of these bills. I know of no junket, and in any event, such would not be taken into consideration in programing the business of the House.

Mr. GROSS. Well, I am just trying to think ahead on Monday when there might have to be some votes on some of these bills and if the junket is still in effect on next Monday, I think the Members ought to be on notice that there are eight suspensions scheduled for consideration.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from Pennsylvania will yield further, that is the purpose of making the announcement, to give the Members notice of the program for next week. These are important bills and I trust that the Members will be present.

Mr. GROSS. I appreciate that. The gentleman is always kind in notifying the Members on most things.

Mr. ALBERT. I thank the gentleman. Mr. SAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

WAR CLAIMS ACT AMENDMENTS OF

Mr. O'NEILL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 426 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as fol-

H. RES. 426

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to move that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 4204) to amend section 6 of the War Claims Act of 1948 to include prisoners of war captured during the Vietnam conflict. After general debate, which shall be confined to the bill and shall continue not to exceed one hour, to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, the bill shall be read for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, and all points of order against sections 2 and 3 of such substitute

are hereby waived. At the conclusion of such consideration, the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted, and any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions,

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. O'Neill) is recognized for 1 hour.

(Mr. O'NETLL of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. O'NEILL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and at the conclusion of my remarks I yield 30 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. Smith).

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 426 provides an open rule with 1 hour of general debate for consideration of H.R. 4204 to amend the War Claims Act of 1948 to include prisoners of war captured during the Vietnam conflict. Also, the resolution provides that it shall be in order to consider the committee substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and all points of order against sections 2 and 3 of the substitute are waived.

Points of order are waived due to the fact that Vietnam and *Pueblo* personnel have not been covered heretofore under the War Claims Act and a question of germaneness might be raised.

The bill would authorize payments under the War Claims Act to members of the Armed Forces captured and held prisoner by the forces of North Vietnam, and to persons captured by North Korea while assigned to duty on board the U.S.S. *Pueblo*, for the period of their captivity at the same rates and under the same conditions as applied with respect to the members of the Armed Forces held prisoner during the Korean conflict.

The substitute would provide for payment to members of the Armed Forces held prisoner by the forces of North Vietnam at the rate of \$1 per day for each day on which the member received an inadequate quantity or quality of food during his captivity and \$1.50 per day for each day on which he was required to perform forced labor, or was subjected to inhumane treatment.

The bill also provides for payment to all civilian American citizens who are held captive by the North Vietnamese forces at the rate of \$60 per month, which is in addition to any payments they may receive under the Missing Persons, Defense Base, or War Hazards Acts.

In addition, the bill provides for payment, at the same rates and under the same conditions as applied under the Korean conflict claims program, to all persons captured while serving on board the U.S.S. *Pueblo*—\$1 per day for each day he received inadequate food and \$1.50 per day for each day he performed forced labor.

Such amounts as may be necessary are authorized since there is no way at this time to know how many claimants there will be.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of House Resolution 426 in order that H.R. 4204 may be considered.

Mr. SMITH of California, Mr. Speaker. I yield myself such time as I may use. (Mr. SMITH of California asked and

was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of California, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 426 does provide for an open rule with 1 hour to consider the bill. H.R. 4204, the war claims act amendments.

Points of order are waived on sections 2 and 3.

The purpose of the bill is to authorize payments to members of the Armed Forces captured by North Vietnamese forces, and also to those captured aboard the Pueblo.

Similar payment programs, carried out by the Foreign Claims Commission, have been undertaken with respect to captured American servicemen during World War II and the Korean war. The payment is \$2.50 per day during the time one is a prisoner of war. The bill also authorizes payment to American civilians held prisoner at the rate of \$60 per month, again similar to a Korean war program.

American servicemen who "voluntarily, knowingly, and without duress" collaborated with the enemy do not qualify for the payment. Under Foreign Claims Commission procedure, the Commission recognizes that prisoners are often tortured, both physically and mentally to force cooperation. Such cases are not disqualified, nor are those who have voluntarily surrendered—Pueblo.

The cost of the bill can only be estimated because we do not know how many American servicemen and civilians will be captured. Relying on Korean war figures, the estimated costs for the Vietnam war are about \$500,000.

The Department of Defense does not support the legislation at this time, preferring that it be deferred now. The Claims Commission supports it and the Bureau of the Budget has no objection. There are no minority views.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of the rule.

Mr. O'NEILL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. STAGGERS. Mr. Speaker, I call up the bill (H.R. 4204) to amend section 6 of the War Claims Act of 1948 to include prisoners of war captured during the Vietnam conflict, and ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered in the House as in Committee of the Whole.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from West Virginia?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 4204

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of the War Claims Act of 1948 (50 United States Code, Appendix 2005) is amended by:

(1) rewording subsection (e)(1) to read: "(e) (1) As used in this subsection the term 'prisoner of war' means any regularly appointed, enrolled, enlisted, or inducted member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was held as a prisoner of war for any period of time, by any hostile force with which the Armed Forces of the United States were actually engaged in armed conflict, between June 25, 1950, and August 21, 1954, or August 5, 1964, and the date ending the Vietnam conflict as shall hereafter be determined by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of Congress except any such member who, at any time, voluntarily, knowingly, and without duress, gave aid to or collaborated with or in any manner served any such hostile force"; and

(2) by rewording sub subsection (5)(A) to read:

"(A) August 21, 1954, for those with service during the Korean conflict"; and

(3) by redesignating sub subsection (5) (B)

as sub subsection (5)(C); and
(4) by redesignating sub subsection (5)(C)

as sub subsection (5)(D); and
(5) by inserting immediately after sub subsection (5)(A) the following new sub subsection:

"(5) (B) effective date of this amendments for those with service in the Vietnam con-

With the following committee amend-

Strike out all after the enacting clause and

"That section 6 of the War Claims Act of 1948 (50 App. U.S.C. 2005) is amended as follows:

"(1) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g); and

"(2) by inserting immediately after sub-section (e) the following new subsection:

"'(f)(1) As used in this subsection-

"'(A) the term "Vietnam conflict" relates to the period beginning February 28, 1961, and ending on such date as shall thereafter be determined by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress;

"'(B) the term "prisoner of war" means any regularly appointed, enrolled, enlisted, or inducted member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was held as a prisoner of war for any period of time during the Vietnam conflict by any force hostile to the United States, except any such member who, at any time, voluntarily, knowingly, and without duress, gave aid to or collaborated with, or in any manner served, such hostile force.

"'(2) The Commission is authorized to receive and to determine, according to law, the amount and validity, and provide for the payment of any claim filed by any prisoner of war for compensation for the failure of the hostile force by which he was held as a prisoner of war, or its agents, to furnish him the quantity or quality of food prescribed for prisoners of war under the terms of the Geneva Convention of August 12, 1949. The compensation allowed to any prisoner of war under the provisions of this paragraph shall be at the rate of \$1 for each day on which he was held as a prisoner of war and on which such hostile force, or its agents, failed to furnish him such quantity or quality of food.

"'(3) The Commission is authorized to receive and to determine, according to law, the amount and validity and provide for the payment of any claim filed by any prisoner of war for compensation-

"'(A) for the failure of the hostile force by which he was held as a prisoner of war, or its agents, to meet the conditions and requirements prescribed under chapter VIII, section III, of the Geneva Convention of August 12, 1949, relating to labor of prisoners of war; or

"'(B) for inhumane treatment by the

hostile force by which he was held, or its agents. The term "inhumane treatment" as used in this subparagraph shall include, but not be limited to, failure of such hostile force, or its agents, to meet the conditions and requirements of one or more of the provisions of article 3, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 97, or 98 of the Geneva Convention of August 12, 1949.

"Compensation shall be allowed to any prisoner of war under this paragraph at the rate of \$1.50 per day for each day on which he was held as a prisoner of war and with respect to which he alleges and proves in a manner acceptable to the Commission the failure to meet the conditions and requirements described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph or the inhumane treatment described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph. In no event shall the compensation allowed to any prisoner of war under this paragraph exceed the sum of \$1.50 with respect to any one day.

"'(4) Any claim allowed by the Commission under this subsection shall be certified to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment out of funds appropriated pursuant to this subsection and shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury to the person entitled thereto, and shall, in the case of death or determination of death of the persons who are entitled, be paid only to or for the benefit of the persons specified, and in the order established, by subsection (d) (4) of this section.

'(5) Each claim filed under this subsection must be filed not later than three years from whichever of the following dates last

'(A) the date of enactment of this subsection:

"'(B) the date the prisoner of war by whom the claim is filed returned to the jurisdiction of the Armed Forces of the United States: or

"'(C) the date upon which the Department of Defense makes a determination that the prisoner of war has actually died or is presumed to be dead, in the case of any prisoner of war who has not returned to the jurisdiction of the Armed Forces of the United States.

"The Commission shall complete its determinations with respect to each claim filed under this subsection at the earliest practicable date, but in no event later than one year after the date on which such claim was filed.

"'(6) Any claim allowed under the provisions of this subsection shall be paid from funds appropriated pursuant to paragraph (7) of this subsection.

"'(7) There are authorized to be appropriated such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection, including necessary administrative expenses.

"SEC. 2. Section 6(e) of the War Claims Act of 1948 (50 App. U.S.C. 2005(e)) is amended as follows:

"(1) In paragraph (1), strike out 'except any such member and insert in lieu thereof or any person (military or civilian) assigned to duty in the U.S.S. Pueblo who was captured by the military forces of North Korea on January 23, 1968, and thereafter held prisoner by the Government of North Korea for any period of time ending on or before December 23, 1968, except any person'.

"(2) At the end of paragraph (5), add the following new subparagraph:

"'(D) In the case of any person assigned to duty in the U.S.S. Pueblo referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection, one year after the date of enactment of this subparagraph.'

"SEC. 3. Section 5 of the War Claims Act of 1948 (50 App. U.S.C. 2004) is amended—

"(1) by striking out in subsection (e) 'subsection (g)' and inserting in lieu thereof 'subsections (g) and (i)'; and

"(2) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

(i) (1) As used in this subsection-

"'(A) the term "Vietnam conflict" relates to the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on such date as shall thereafter be determined by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress; and

Congress; and
"'(B) the term "civilian American citizen" means any person who, being then a
citizen of the United States, was captured
in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict by any force hostile to the United States, or who went into hiding in Southeast Asia in order to avoid capture or internment by any such hostile force, except (i) a person who voluntarily, knowingly, and without duress, gave aid to or collaborated with or in any manner served any such hostile force, or (ii) a regularly appointed, enrolled, enlisted, or inducted member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

"'(2) The Commission is authorized to receive and to determine, according to law. the amount and validity, and provide for the payment of any claim filed by, or on behalf of, any civilian American citizen for detention benefits for any period of time subsequent to February 27, 1961, during which he was held by any such hostile force as a prisoner, internee, hostage, or in any other capacity, or remained in hiding to avoid capture or internment by any such

hostile force.
"'(3) The detention benefits allowed under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be at the rate of \$60 for each calendar month.

(4) The detention benefits allowed under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be allowed to the civilian American citizen entitled thereto, or, in the event of his death, only to the following persons:
"'(A) the widow or husband if there is

no child or children of the deceased;

"'(B) the widow or dependent husband and child or children of the deceased, onehalf to the widow or dependent husband and the other half to the child or children in equal shares;

"'(C) the child or children of the deceased in equal shares if there is no widow or de-

pendent husband.

"'(5) Any claim allowed by the Commission under this subsection shall be certified to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment out of funds appropriated pursuant to this subsection, and shall be paid to the person entitled thereto, except that if a person entitled to payment under this section is under any legal disability, payment shall be made in accordance with the provisions of subsections of the control of

tion (e) of this section.
"'(6) Each claim filed under this section
must be filed not later than three years from whichever of the following dates last occurs: "'(A) the date of enactment of this sub-

section:

(B) the date the civilian American citizen by whom the claim is filed returned to the jurisdiction of the United States; or

"'(C) the date upon which the Commission, at the request of a potentially eligible survivor, makes a determination that the civilian American citizen has actually died or may be presumed to be dead, in the case of any civilian American citizen who has not returned to the jurisdiction of the United States.

The Commission shall complete its determinations for each claim filed under this subsection at the earliest practicable date. but not later than one year after the date on which such claim was filed.

"'(7) There are authorized to be appropriated such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection, including necessary administrative expenses."

T. STAGGERGS. MT. Speaker, this bill

was reported out of the committee unan-

imously, and we recommend its passage. It would authorize payments under the War Claims Act of 1948 of \$2.50 per day to all members of the Armed Forces held as prisoners of war by the North Vietnamese since February 28, 1961, and would provide for a similar payment to persons serving on board the U.S.S. Pueblo for the period of their captivity by the forces of North Korea. These payments, which would be in addition to regular pay and allowances are the same amounts as were provided under the War Claims Act for persons who were held as prisoners of war during World War II, and persons who were held as prisoners of war during the Korean conflict.

It is estimated that the bill will not cost more than one-half million dollars. We recognize that the amounts provided are certainly inadequate compensation for the hardships suffered by these men; however, the committee feels that this symbolic payment provides some recognition to these men for the added hardships they have suffered. It is clear from information received through escaped prisoners, and former prisoners, that the treatment of our servicemen after their capture by the North Vietnamese has been in flagrant violation of the Geneva Convention, and a similar pattern of mistreatment applied to members of the Armed Forces captured on the Pueblo.

In addition, there have been a very small number of civilians who have been captured in North Vietnam and the bill provides for payment of benefits to these persons in the same amounts as were provided for civilians who were captured and detained during World War II and during the Korean conflict.

We urge adoption of the bill by the

Mr. KEITH. Mr. Speaker, after World War II it was considered appropriate to compensate members of the armed services and civilians who had been interned for hardships and indignities suffered while in the hands of the enemy. At that time the United States held in its possession millions in assets belonging to nationals of the enemy nations. It was considered only just and proper that such assets be used for such compensation.

The amounts provided for internees and prisoners of war were minimal even by the standards of the immediate postwar period. Military personnel received \$1 a day where inadequate food was provided and an additional \$1.50 a day if mistreatment occurred. Civilians were allowed \$60 per month plus medical care. Because of the number of people involved in World War II the payments totaled \$123 million.

When the Korean conflict came along, a fairly similar situation obtained, but obviously it affected a smaller number of individuals both military and civilian. Also, at the time of the Korean conflict there were no appreciable assets of Korean nationals in the hands of our Government. In fairness to those who would be considered entitled to such compensation, the Congress appropriated the necessary funds to make payments which were in the same amount and for the same purposes as those in World War

II. These payments amounted to slightly less than \$9 million.

The purpose of the bill before us today is to extend the War Claims Act to provide identical compensation for both military and civilian personnel held by the North Vietnamese. Compensation at the same rate as that provided in the original act is obviously a token payment. It is, however, a recognition of the fact that the North Vietnamese are depriving our prisoners of adequate accommodations and subjecting them to mistreatment.

It is difficult at this time to say how much such a program will cost, but based upon the number of prisoners we know about, it would seem to be a safe projection that the funds required would be in the neighborhood of \$500,000. As in the Korean conflict payments, reimbursement will not be approved for individuals who voluntarily collaborate with the enemy.

The bill before us goes one step beyond extending the legislation to the Vietnamese conflict and makes a special provision to include the crew of the Pueblo. There are 81 members of the armed services included in this provision and two civilians. Total cost of the claim arising out of this incident should be slightly over \$68,000. In my opinion it is only just and reasonable that these victims of this North Korean aggression should be compensated.

This expression by the Congress and by the Government of the United States recognizing the plight of our prisoners whether already released or still in the hands of the enemy should properly be made at this time, and I recommend this legislation to the House.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the committee amendment.

The committee amendment was agreed

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

The title was amended so as to read: 'A bill to amend section 6 of the War Claims Act of 1948 to include prisoners of war captured during the Vietnam conflict, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the

GENERAL LEAVE TO EXTEND

Mr. STAGGERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to extend their remarks on the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

POSTAL SERVICE ACT OF 1969

(Mr. UDALL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous matter.)

Mr. UDALL, Mr. Speaker, I take pleasure in introducing today the "Post-al Service Act of 1969." I introduce this bill in the belief that it meets the major questions we have been asking about the Post Office Department. There will be many questions asked about this particular bill, and the long-range effects of

D.C. OPTOMETRY ACT

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee No. 4 concluded hearings on H.R. 2388, to amend the act of May 28, 1924, to revise existing law relating to the examination, licensure, registration, and regulation of optometrists and the practice of optometry in the District of Columbia. Testimony was heard from D.C. government witnesses.

CONSTRUCTION SAFETY—COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES

Committee on Education and Labor: Met in executive session and ordered reported favorably to the House H.R. 10946, to promote health and safety in the building trades and construction industry in all Federal and federally financed or federally assisted construction projects; and H.R. 10666, to establish a National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Ad Hoc Task Force on Poverty continued hearings on H.R. 513, OEO amendments. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Select Subcommittee on Education continued hearings on H.R. 10767, Older Americans Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Pepper and public witnesses.

PROBLEMS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Special Subcommittee on Education continued hearings on the problems of higher education; also H.R. 10570, to create a Federal higher education mediation and conciliation service; and H.R. 10074 and H.R. 10136, to require the suspension of Federal financial assistance to colleges and universities which are experiencing campus disorders and fail to take appropriate corrective measures within a reasonable time and to require the termination of Federal financial assistance to teachers, instructors, and lecturers guilty of violation of any law in connection with such disorders. Testimony was heard from Representatives Smith of Iowa, Harsha, Cabell, Montgomery, and Kuykendall and one public witness.

JOINT LABOR MANAGEMENT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND CHILD CARE CENTERS

Committee on Education and Labor: Special Subcommittee on Labor concluded hearings on H.R. 4314, joint labor management for scholarships and child care centers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs continued hearings on the Alliance for Progress. Testimony was heard from William E. Lang, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Africa and Western Hemisphere, International Security Affairs, DOD, and Brig. Gen. Robert C. McAlister, Director, Western Hemisphere Region, International Security Affairs, DOD.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs met in executive session for briefing by the Honorable Marshall Green, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

LAW OF THE SEA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations and Movements met in executive joint meeting with the Subcommittee on Oceanography of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries for briefing on preliminary discussions pointing to the next conference on the law of the sea. Testimony was heard from Donald L. McKernan, Special Assistant for Fisheries and Wildlife to the Secretary of State; Leonard Meeker, Legal Adviser; and Jared G. Carter, Assistant Legal Adviser, Department of State.

HILL-BURTON HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Public Health and Welfare met in executive session and approved for full committee action H.R. 7059, amended, Hill-Burton hospital construction.

VIETNAM PRISONERS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce and Finance met in executive session and approved for full committee action H.R. 4204, amended, to amend section 6 of the War Claims Act of 1948 to include prisoners of war captured during the Vietnam conflict.

FEDERAL AVIATION ACT

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics met in executive session to consider H.R. 8261, H.R. 8322, and H.R. 8323, to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958. Committee to continue consideration tomorrow.

TAXATION OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Special Subcommittee on State Taxation of Interstate Commerce met in executive session and approved for full committee action H.R. 7906, to regulate and foster commerce among the States by providing a system for the taxation of interstate commerce.

PRIVATE CLAIMS BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 met in executive session and acted on several private claims bills.

HAZARDOUS GEOLOGIC AREAS

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Special Studies began hearings on Federal involvement in housing construction in hazardous geologic areas. Testimony was heard from Gregory Ahart, Deputy Director, Civil Division, GAO; Dr. John S. Steinhardt, Office of Science and Technology, Executive Office of the President; and William B. Ross, Acting Assistant Secretary, HUD, and Acting Commissioner, FHA.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on administration by the Department of Agriculture of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. Testimony was heard from Department of Agriculture witnesses.

Hearings were adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

SALINE WATER CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Met in open session and ordered reported favorably to the House S. 1011, to authorize appropriations for the saline water conversion program for fiscal year 1970.

MINERAL RESOURCES BRIEFING

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining met for continuation of mineral resources briefing. Testimony was heard from Hollis M. Dole, Assistant Secretary for Mineral Resources.

MARITIME AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Met in executive session and ordered reported favorably to the House H.R. 4152, amended, to authorize appropriations for certain maritime programs of the Department of Commerce.

FISH AND WILDLIFE COORDINATION ACT

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Fish and Wildlife Conservation concluded hearings on H.R. 6750, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act to provide for the establishment of a Council on Environmental Quality. Testimony was heard from Representative Ottinger; Stewart Udall, former Secretary of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC PROGRAM

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Oceanography continued hearings on the national oceanographic program. Testimony was heard from Representative Anderson of Illinois and public

Hearings continue tomorrow.

POSTMASTER GENERAL BRIEFING

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met in executive session with Postmaster General Winton M. Blount for continuation of briefing and questioning.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Committee on Public Works: Special Subcommittee on the Federal-Aid Highway Program continued hearings on highway safety, design, and operation. Testimony was heard from Charles W. Dietrich, senior scientist; and Dr. Joseph Markowitz, research psychologist, Bolt, Beranek & Newman, Inc.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL BIOLOGICAL PROGRAM

Committee on Science and Astronautics: Subcommittee on Science, Research, and Development continued hearings on H.J. Res. 589, dealing with the international biological program. Testimony was heard from Dr. Lee A. DuBridge, Director of the Office of Science and Technology, and Dr. N. E. Gibbons, vice chairman, Canadian National Committee for the IBP.

Hearings were adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

DISABLED VETERANS' HOUSING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing met in executive session and approved for full committee action S. 408, amended, to modify eligibility requirements for assistance in acquiring specially adapted housing to include loss or loss of use of a lower extremity and other service-connected disability for wheelchair cases.

TAX REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session for continued consideration of tax reform.

Committee to continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 8

(All meetings are open unless otherwise designated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, Subcommittee on Agricultural Production, Marketing, and Stabilization of Prices, on S. 1181, proposed Potato Research and Promotion Act, 10 a.m., 324 Old Senate Office Building.

Committee on Commerce, executive, on S. 1242, relating to grants for construction of educational TV and radio broadcasting facilities, 10 a.m., 5112 New Senate Office Building.

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, Subcommittee on Employment, Manpower, and Poverty, to resume hearings on S. 1809, authorizing funds for programs under the Economic Opportunity Act, 10 a.m., 4232 New Senate Office Building.

Subcommittee on Labor, on S. 2068, to amend the Labor Relations Act of 1947 with regard to employer contributions for child day care facilities, 10 a.m., 4221 New Senate Office Building.

the Interior, and related agencies, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 1223 New Senate Office Building.

Committee on Commerce: March 12, Communications Subcommittee, to receive testimony concerning crime and violence on television, to hear representatives of the three major TV networks, National Association of Broadcasters, advertising groups, and the Surgeon General of the United States, 10 a.m., 5110 New Senate Office Building.

Committee on the District of Columbia: March 11 and 12, to begin a series of hearings on the problem of D.C. crime, to receive testimony on the implications of the President's crime commission recommendations, 10 a.m., 6226 New Senate Office

Building.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 11 and 13, Subcommittee on International Organization and Disarmament Affairs, to continue its hearings on strategic and foreign policy implications of the antiballistic missile system, 10 a.m., 4221 New Senate Office Building.

Committee on Government Operations: March 11, on the nomination of Robert L. Kunzig, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator, GSA, 10:30 a.m., 3302 New Senate Office Building.

March 10-13, Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, to resume hearings on S. 607, to establish an independent agency to be known as the U.S. Office of Utility Consumers' Counsel, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 10 a.m., 3302 New Senate Office Building, and Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., 1114 New Senate Office Building.

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: March 11, Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, on S. 1011, authorizing funds for the saline water program for fiscal 1970, 10 a.m., 3110 New Senate Office Building.

March 13, full committee, executive, on committee business,

10 a.m., 3112 New Senate Office Building.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 10–13, Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments, to resume hearings on pending legislation proposing amendments to the Constitution relative to the method of electing the President and Vice President (S.J. Res. 1, 2, 4, 12, 20, 25, 30, 31, and 33), 10 a.m., 2228 New Senate Office Building.

March 11, Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee, to begin hearings concerning Government intervention in the market mechanism as it affects the petroleum industry, 10 a.m., 1318

New Senate Office Building.

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: March 12-14, Sub-committee on Labor, to resume hearings on S. 355, 467, 1094, and 1178, to improve health and safety conditions of coal miners, 9:30 a.m., G-308 (auditorium), New Senate Office Building.

March 13, Subcommittee on Indian Education, to hear representative of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 9 a.m., 4232 New

Senate Office Building.

Committee on Public Works: March 10, Subcommittee on Air and Water Pollution, to continue its hearings on S. 7 and S. 544, proposed Water Quality Improvement Act of 1969, and legislative implications of the recent oil pollution at Santa Barbara, to hear former Interior Secretary Udall, and others, 9:30 a.m., 4200 New Senate Office Building.

March 11, open, followed by executive session, to consider the nomination of Francis Turner, to be Federal Highway Admin-

istrator, 10 a.m., 4200 New Senate Office Building.

Select Committee on Small Business: March 12 and 13, Sub-committee on Monopoly, to resume hearings on competitive problems in the drug industry, 10 a.m., 318 Old Senate Office Building.

House Chamber

Monday, District Day (no bills), no legislative business scheduled.

Tuesday, no legislative business scheduled,

Wednesday, several committee funding resolutions from Committee on House Administration; and

H.R. 33, to provide for increased participation by the United States in the International Development Association, and for other purposes (subject to a rule being granted).

Thursday, H.R.—, establish limitation on national

debt (subject to a rule being granted).

Note.—Any further program will be announced later.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture: March 11, full committee, to hold a hearing on H.R. 5554, to provide a special milk program for children, 10 a.m., 1301 Longworth House Office Building.

March 12, full committee, to meet with officials of USDA to discuss existing marketing orders and procedures followed in establishing new marketing agreements and orders, 10 a.m., 1301

Longworth House Office Building.

March 13, full committee, to hold a hearing on H.R. 7, and related bills, to amend the Rural Electrification Act to provide an additional source of financing for the rural telephone program, 10 a.m., 1301 Longworth House Office Building.

Committee on Appropriations: March 10, Subcommittee on

Interior, executive, 10 a.m., H-305, Capitol.

March 10, Subcommittee on Independent Offices and HUD,

executive, 10 a.m., H-143, Capitol.

March 10, Subcommittee on Agriculture, executive, 1 p.m., B-305 Rayburn House Office Building.

March 10, Subcommittee on Labor-Health, Education, and

Welfare, executive, 2 p.m., H-164, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: March 10, Special Subcommittee on Inquiry of U.S.S. Pueblo, executive, to continue hearings on the Pueblo, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn House Office Building.

March 11 and 12, full committee, executive, to consider H.R. 7757, to authorize appropriations during the fiscal year 1969 for procurement of aircraft for the Armed Forces, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn House Office Building.

March 13, full committee, executive, to meet with Joint Chiefs of Staff, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn House Office Building.

Committee on the District of Columbia: March 10, Subcommittee No. 1, to hold a hearing on H.R. 258, providing for the distribution of a minor's share of less than \$1,000 in a decedent's estate, without the necessity of securing an appointment of a guardian of the minor for that purpose, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth House Office Building.

March 11, Subcommittee No. 2, executive, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth House Office Building.

Committee on Education and Labor: March 10, to continue hearings on H.R. 514, to extend programs of assistance for elementary and secondary education, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.

March 11, full committee, to continue hearings on H.R. 514, to extend programs of assistance for elementary and secondary education, and H.R. 515, to amend the National School Lunch Act and Child Nutrition Act of 1966; also H.R. 8438, to extend the time for filing final reports under the Correctional Rehabilitation Study Act of 1965 until July 31, 1969, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: March 11 and 13, Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments, to hold hearings on the effects of space and weapons developments on U.S. alliances and security commitments abroad, 10 a.m., 2255 Rayburn House Office Building.

March 12, Subcommittee on Europe, executive, to meet with the Honorable Martin J. Hillenbrand, Assistant Secretary of Next meeting of the SENATE 12:00 noon, Monday, March 10 Next meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 12:00 noon, Monday, March 10

State for European Affairs, 2:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn House Office Building.

March 11, 12, and 13, Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs, to hold hearings on "The Alliance for Progress, Its Goals, Its Performance, and the U.S. Role in Its Future," March 11 and 13 at 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn House Office Building, March 12 at 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn House Office Building.

Committee on Government Operations: March 10, Subcommittee on Executive and Legislative Reorganization, to hold a hearing on all House bills and S. 1058, on extension of reorganization authority, 2:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn House Office Building.

March 10, Subcommittee on Conservation and Natural Resources, to hold a hearing on Hunting Creek, Va., 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn House Office Building.

March 11, Subcommittee on Special Studies, executive, on pending business, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn House Office Building. March 12, full committee, executive, on pending business,

10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.

Committee on House Administration: March 11, Subcommittee on Accounts, on pending business, 10:30 a.m., H-329, Capitol.

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: March 11, executive, to consider H.R. 2669, to amend section 213(a) of the War Claims Act of 1948 with respect to claims of certain nonprofit organizations, and H.R. 4204, to amend section 6 of the War Claims Act of 1948 to include prisoners of war captured during the Vietnam conflict, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn House Office Building.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 11, executive, on pending legislation, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn House Office Building.

March 12 and 13, full committee, to continue hearings on H.J. Res. 179, H.J. Res. 181, and related bills pertaining to electoral college reform, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn House Office Building.

Committee on Mcrchant Marine and Fisheries: March 11, to resume hearings on H.R. 6495 and H.R. 6609, to amend the Oil Pollution Act, 1924, for the purpose of controlling oil pollution from vessels, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth House Office Building.

Committee on Public Works: March 11, Special Subcommittee on the Federal-Aid Highway Program, executive, for briefing on committee's continuing inquiry into the subject of highway safety, design, and operations, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn House Office Building.

Committee on Rules: March 11, to consider the following resolutions:

H. Res. 282, to create a select committee to regulate parking on the House side of the Capitol;

H. Res. 213, investigative authority, Committee on Government Operations;

H. Res. 268, investigative authority, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service;

H.R. 33, to provide for increased participation by the United States in the International Development Association; and

H. Res. 279, to authorize the Committee on Banking and Currency to conduct an investigation and study of prices of lumber and plywood, 10:45 a.m., H-313, Capitol.

Committee on Science and Astronautics: March 10, 11, 12, and 13, Subcommittee on Advanced Research and Technology, to continue hearings on H.R. 4046, NASA authorization for fiscal year 1970, 9 a.m., B-374 Rayburn House Office Building.

March 11 and 12, Subcommittee on Manned Space Flight, to

March 11 and 12, Subcommittee on Manned Space Flight, to hold hearings on H.R. 4046, NASA authorization for fiscal year

1970, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.

March 11, 12, and 13, Subcommittee on Space, Science and Application, to hold hearings on H.R. 4046, NASA authorization for fiscal year 1970, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn House Office Building. Prior to the open hearing on March 11, the subcommittee will meet at 9:30 a.m. in executive session.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 13, to continue hearings on legislative recommendations of veterans' organizations, 10 a.m., Ways and Means Committee Room, Longworth House Office Building.

Committee on Ways and Means: March 10, 11, 12, and 14, to resume hearings on tax reform, 10 a.m., committee room, Longworth House Office Building.

Joint Committee Meeting

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: March 10, to consider amendment to present agreement for cooperation with the United Kingdom for mutual defense, to hear AEC, DOD, and State Department witnesses, 10 a.m., room AE-1, Capitol.

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